

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-36. (Canceled)

37. (New) A method for preparing configuration settings of a source computing system for transitioning for use by a target computing system, the method comprising:
providing information about configuration settings of the source computing system,
the information identifying locations of configuration settings;
displaying an indication of the configuration settings that can be extracted from the
source computing system;
receiving a selection of configuration settings to be extracted from the source
computing system for use by the target computing system;
extracting the selected configuration settings from the locations of the source
computing system indicated by the information; and
storing the extracted configuration settings on a storage device in a format that can
be used by the target computing system to control its operation based on the
extracted configuration settings of the source computing system.

38. (New) The method of claim 37 including injecting the configuration settings
of the storage device into the target computing system.

39. (New) The method of claim 38 wherein the injecting is performed under
control of an injection application.

40. (New) The method of claim 39 wherein the injection application is received
from the source computing system.

41. (New) The method of claim 37 wherein the extracted configuration settings include browser configuration settings.

42. (New) The method of claim 37 wherein the extracted configuration settings include browser favorites.

43. (New) The method of claim 37 wherein the extracted configuration settings include browser bookmarks.

44. (New) The method of claim 37 wherein the extracted configuration settings include cookies.

45. (New) The method of claim 37 wherein the extracted configuration settings include an electronic mail folder.

46. (New) The method of claim 45 wherein the electronic mail folder is an inbox folder.

47. (New) The method of claim 37 wherein the extracted configuration settings include electronic mail addresses.

48. (New) The method of claim 37 wherein the storage device includes an injection application.

49. (New) The method of claim 48 wherein the target computing system receives and executes the injection application.

50. (New) The method of claim 48 wherein the injection application injects the configuration settings into the target computing system.

51. (New) A method for transitioning configuration settings of a source computing system to a target computing system, the method comprising:

providing a storage device having configuration settings extracted from the source computing system, the configuration settings being in a format that can be used by the target computing system to control its operation in accordance with the extracted configuration settings of the source computing system;
retrieving the configuration settings from the storage device; and
using the retrieved configuration settings to control the operation of the target computing system.

52. (New) The method of claim 51 including at the source computing system,
providing information about configuration settings of the source computing system, the information identifying locations of configuration settings;
receiving from the user a selection of configuration settings to be extracted for use by the target computing system;
extracting the selected configuration settings from the locations of the source computing system indicated by the information; and
storing the extracted configuration settings on the storage device.

53. (New) The method of claim 51 including under control of an injection application, injecting the retrieved configuration settings into the target computing system.

54. (New) The method of claim 53 wherein the injection application is stored on the storage device.

55. (New) The method of claim 51 wherein the extracted configuration settings include browser configuration settings.

56. (New) The method of claim 51 wherein the extracted configuration settings include browser favorites.

57. (New) The method of claim 51 wherein the extracted configuration settings include browser bookmarks.

58. (New) The method of claim 51 wherein the extracted configuration settings include cookies.

59. (New) The method of claim 51 wherein the extracted configuration settings include an electronic mail folder.

60. (New) The method of claim 59 wherein the electronic mail folder is an inbox folder.

61. (New) The method of claim 51 wherein the extracted configuration settings include electronic mail addresses.

62. (New) A computer-readable medium containing instructions for controlling a source computing system and a target computing system to transition configuration settings of the source computing system to the target computing system by a method comprising:

providing configuration information about configuration settings of the source computing system, the configuration information identifying locations of configuration settings;

providing a selection of configuration settings to be extracted from the source computing system;

extracting the selected configuration settings from the locations of the source computing system indicated by the configuration information; and

storing the extracted configuration settings on a storage device so that the configuration settings stored on the storage device can be provided to a program on the target computing system for use during execution of the program.

63. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 62 wherein the configuration settings are provided to the program by injecting the configuration settings stored on the storage device into the target computing system.

64. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 63 wherein the injecting is performed under control of an injection application.

65. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 64 wherein the injection application is stored on the storage device.

66. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 63 including receiving from a user a selection of configuration settings stored on the storage device that are to be injected into the target computing system.

67. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 62 wherein the extracted configuration settings are selected from the group consisting of browser configuration settings, browser favorites, and browser bookmarks.

68. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 62 wherein the extracted configuration settings include cookies.

69. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 62 wherein the extracted configuration settings are selected from the group consisting of an electronic mail folder and electronic mail addresses.

70. (New) A computer-readable medium containing instructions for controlling a source computing device and a target computing device to transition configuration settings of the source computing device to the target computing device by a method comprising:

providing configuration information about configuration settings of the source computing device, the configuration information identifying locations of configuration settings;

providing a selection of configuration settings to be extracted from the source computing device;

extracting the selected configuration settings from the locations of the source computing device indicated by the configuration information; and

storing the extracted configuration settings on a storage device so that a program on the target computing device can be provided the configuration settings that were stored on the storage device for use during execution of the program by receiving a selection of configuration settings stored on the storage device that are to be injected into the target computing device and injecting the selected configuration settings stored on the storage device into the target computing device under control of an injection application that is loaded from the storage device onto the target computing device.

71. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 70 wherein the extracted configuration settings are selected from the group consisting of browser configuration settings, browser favorites, and browser bookmarks.

72. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 70 wherein the extracted configuration settings include cookies.

73. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 70 wherein the extracted configuration settings are selected from the group consisting of an electronic mail folder and electronic mail addresses.

74. (New) A method for transitioning a personality of a target computing system based on the personality of the source computing system, the method comprising:
providing a selection of configuration settings representing a portion of the personality of the source computing system that is to be injected into the target computing system;
extracting the selected configuration settings from the source computing system;
storing the extracted configuration settings on a storage device; and
providing the target computing system with the configuration settings stored on the storage device so that the personality of the target computing system can be transitioned based on the configuration settings stored on the storage device.

75. (New) The method of claim 74 including providing personality objects at the source computing system that specify the personality of the source computing system.

76. (New) The method of claim 75 wherein a personality object specifies configuration settings for a program.

77. (New) The method of claim 74 wherein the providing includes injecting the configuration settings into the target computing system.

78. (New) The method of claim 75 wherein the storage device includes an injection application that controls the injecting of the configuration settings.

79. (New) A system for transitioning a personality of a target computing system based on the personality of the source computing system, comprising:
means for receiving a selection of configuration settings representing a portion of the personality of the source computing system that is to be injected into the target computing system;
means for storing the selected configuration settings on a storage device; and

means for providing to the target computing system the configuration settings stored on the storage device so that the personality of the target computing system can be transitioned based on the personality of the source computing system.

80. (New) The system of claim 79 including personality objects of the source computing system that specify the personality of the source computing system.

81. (New) The system of claim 80 wherein a personality object specifies configuration settings for a program.

82. (New) The system of claim 79 wherein the means for providing includes means for injecting the configuration settings into the target computing system.

83. (New) The system of claim 82 wherein the storage device includes an injection application that controls the injecting of the configuration settings.